



Festival and Sport

The Festival's sports programme started off with an International Peace Race near the Izmailovo sports complex. It included friendly contests in various sports, discussions of problems of the international sports movement, meetings with popular athletes and coaches, exhibition performances by Olympic, world and European champions, and "Festival Mile" races. The organizers were not mistaken in giving this programme a non-competition character. Each event draws much interest and numerous audiences, one indication of which was the International Peace Race.

Taking part in it were 1985 athletes, a symbolic figure. It not for limits on the number of participants they would be before. It drew people of various ages and occupations from 35 countries. Together with Festival participants competed Muscovites and residents from other cities of the host country. Previously many of them attended the popular "Festival Kilometers" races already run by some 30 million young men and women.

The Peace Race distance was around 6.5 km, and after it the announcer said that all the participants were proclaimed champions. Curiously enough, the most youthful of them was only four years old.

And still the sporting zeal which grabbed the viewers, the press and the organizers themselves "forced" the judges to name the fastest — 41-year-old Colombian Victor Mora and 20-year-old Romanian Georgea Stora.

Mora is a famous sportsman. An employee at the national institute for environmental protection, he has won many international marathons, including the popular New Year Son Silver race in Sao Paulo. He said after finishing that the

struggle for peace was the concern not just of politicians but every reasonable person and sportsman could do a lot there.

Georgia Stora is an electrical engineer. I am under the impression of the Moscow Festival, she said, its palette of colours and friendly smiles. I am for competition but only fair one to the sports arena.

Maxwell Trevor from India did not take part but still came with friends to Izmailovo. He was already in Moscow for the Friendship-84 games on the national cycling sprint record holder. I will well remember the days of that competition, said he. When I got the chance to come here once again I was happy as could be. The Festival



The Peace Race takes off as one group at start line follows another. Though one of the youngest entrants started late he also won the race since all those who finish the race will be declared winners.

A race won by everyone



has brought together young people from different countries, but just see how many like-minded people the Festival's slogan has gathered.

The Peace Race was far more an opportunity to express my allegiance to the ideas of peace and friendship among peoples, and so I ran, said Adriana Marchona of Venezuela. I would also call this race "kilometres of friendship."

These young Britons also took part in the Peace Race. Each of us, they said of the festival, will remember this race for its exceptional atmosphere of good will and friendship. We will be happy to attend other events of the sports programme.

YASHIN WINS IOC AWARD

President of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch, honorary guest of the Festival, has conferred the highest IOC award, the Olympic Order, on the famous Soviet goalkeeper, the 1958 Olympic champion Lev Yashin. Presenting the award the IOC President said the Committee highly values Yashin's contribution to the development of the Olympic movement, the training of young athletes and his loyalty to Olympic ideals.

He said: we admire the gallantry of the No. 1 goalkeeper, whose record includes the titles of Olympic champion, champion of Europe (1960) and the best footballer of the continent (1963). Yashin has always been a leader on the football pitch, and remains leader in life, yielding to no difficulties which a most severe disease has brought him.

Accepting the IOC award, Lev Yashin said that this was also an award to the Soviet athletic movement. He expressed confidence that Soviet athletes will always be worthy members of the international Olympic movement. He stressed that he was particularly happy to receive the award during the Festival, which has brought together people from different countries and united them with ideas of peace, friendship and cooperation.

The Olympic Order award was instituted in 1974. Soviet athletes who have already received this award include four-time Olympic ski-racing champion, Galina Kulikova, and three Olympic champion in free-style wrestling, Alexander Medved.



(Left to right): IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch and Lev Yashin after the latter had been awarded the Olympic Order.

Festival sports coverage by Alexander Bratskin. Photos by Alexander Vasilyev and Andrei Knyazev.

KARPOV GETTING READY

After his protracted world championship match Anders Karpov has been warming up for a new one, initially in the privacy of his study and now in tournaments. He recently played in a mass chess festival of several tournaments at once in Amsterdam. He was among six competitors in the top group who twice met one another, eventually playing Black and White.

His opponents were Jan Timman of Holland, Briton Anthony Miles and John Nunn, Briton Jaime Sanja-Nela and Slovenian Meritino of Yugoslavia. None of them avoided defeat, including world third seed Timman and Nunn who did brilliantly last year. Karpov was invincible. Of his ten games he won four and drew the rest, coming out on top with seven points.

Timman ran up to him half a point less and third-placed Nunn won 5.5 points.

Records at Bislet

Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen clocked 30.59.42 sec, a new world 10,000 m best, at an international athletics meet at Oslo's Bislet stadium, setting the new world record.

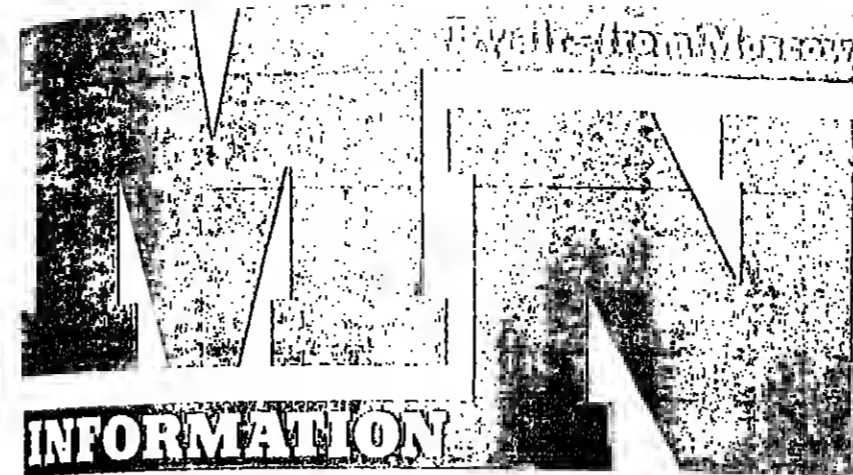
Two other world records were also set there. Algerian Said Aulia set 5,000 m in 13 min 00.40 sec, a former record of 13.00.41 by David Moorcroft of Britain was set there in 1982.

Steve Cram of Britain proved the mile record of 3 min 53.00 sec, clocking 3 min 46.31 sec. This is Cram's second world record over the past 11 days as July 16 he ran 1,500 m in 3.29.67 in Nice.

CHAMPIONS FOR THE SIXTH TIME

The USSR women's basketball team beat Italy 78-55 to win their sixth title at the European youth championship in Tuzi Yugoslavia. It went through the games unscathed.

Altogether 12 nations participated. Italy came second, Yugoslavia came third.



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FETE OF YOUTH AND HOPE

All that the blue planet Earth has and fights for and its concerns reflected, as though in a mirror, in the work of the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students. At numerous discussions and conferences, attended by envoys from all continents, people of the next century deliberated on ways of preserving the blue planet and protecting it from it.

Every day of the Forum was under its own motto designating a whole spectrum of issues of concern to contemporary youth: youth and students for peace, prevention of nuclear war, disarmament, anti-imperialism, solidarity, human rights, economic cooperation, development of a new international economic order, security.

The Moscow Festival became the first forum of the young where ecological problems were discussed with alarm and concern for tomorrow.

Every day was marked with international concerts at solid-rock concerts by national orchestras, and friendly meetings and sports. The participants to and guests of the Forum, as well as Muscovites for the Festival Mile, attended events and drama productions, a festival of arts of Soviet people.



Participants in one of the rallies in a Moscow street — a common sight these days.



Young Americans. A young Salvadoran patriot's outpouring for a new trip.



Galina Mirosova, member of the Soviet delegation.



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POLITBUREAU WEEKLY MEETING

The Politbureau of the CPSU Central Committee has discussed measures for radical improvements in the technical level and quality of engineering output. It has also deliberated on the development of engineering as the foundation for scientific and technological progress during the 12th Five-Year Plan period and up to the year 2000.

The CPSU Central Committee and the USSR Council of Ministers decided to give priority to the development of engineering, the creation of a complex, and the creation of conditions necessary for a rapid transition in the production of new generation of machines, equipment and plants. Its desire to

Award for A. Nzo

The Order of Friendship and Merit has been awarded to the African National Congress of South Africa, Alfred Nzo. This is in recognition of his efforts in the struggle against imperialism and racism, for peace and national liberation, his contribution to

solidarity between the peoples of South Africa and the Soviet Union, and also in view of his 60th birthday.

In his speech, Alfred Nzo expressed profound gratitude for the award and highly commended the Soviet Union's unflinching solidarity with the African National Congress.



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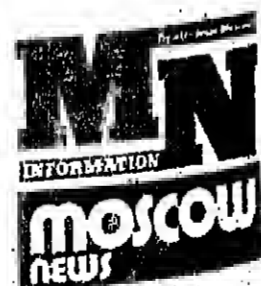
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